

## ADA Adopts Platform Urging Abolition of House Red Probers

By the Associated Press  
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Americans for Democratic Action today adopted a platform urging the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The Nation's newest political party, at its first national convention, branded the committee "a proved threat to freedom on political opinion."

In its domestic policy platform, the organization headed by Wilson Wyatt announced it opposes all proposals to outlaw the Communist or any other political party.

ADA, which described itself as a political party "independent, non-partisan and non-Communist," asserted that while it does not want the Communist Party outlawed, it favors registration of all Communists and disclosure of the sources of funds and backgrounds of active members.

**Wants End of Poll Taxes.**  
The organization announced it also is urging congressional and State action to abolish poll taxes, equality of opportunity for all despite race, color, creed or national origins.

Earlier, the Political Policy Committee recommended that ADA support liberal House members in the November elections "regardless of party label."

The committee urged that ADA take no action on a presidential choice until the major parties hold their conventions.

The ADA, which describes itself as a new political organization "independent, non-partisan and non-Communist," heard Walter P. Reuther, head of the CIO United Auto Workers declare yesterday that liberals are faced with the "double threat of the commissar and the storm trooper."

Liberals, said Mr. Reuther, must abandon all fear of being called "red baiter" if they are to fight communism successfully.

**Green Joins Reuther.**  
William Green, president of the AFL, joined Mr. Reuther in urging "the great mass of American people" take "an active part in progressive political action."

The Nominating Committee narrowed its choice for a chairman to four persons and delegations were appointed to call on the men to see if they could settle on one candidate to be presented to the more than 500 delegates.

Under consideration were Paul A. Porter and Leon Henderson, both former OPA administrators; Mayor Hubert Humphrey of Minneapolis and George Edwards, president of Detroit City Council.

The retiring head is Wilson Wyatt, former Mayor of Louisville and national housing expert.

**Reuther Hints Steel Industry.**  
Mr. Reuther said that in order to fight the threat of communism democracy must be made to work "and we must free our economy from scarcities and monopoly controls."

He cited the steel industry as "the biggest single road block in ending this scarcity because the steelmakers are committed to an economy of scarcity, feeling that this is only a temporary boom."

"The shortage of oil and coal," Mr. Reuther declared, "is due to the steel industry not supplying material for pipes, ships and railroad cars."

Mr. Green told the convention that "men, women and children, struggling for survival in devastated towns and cities look to us to make good the promise for aid that has been implied in the Marshall Plan."

We must not fail to assure them not only survival but survival as free people."

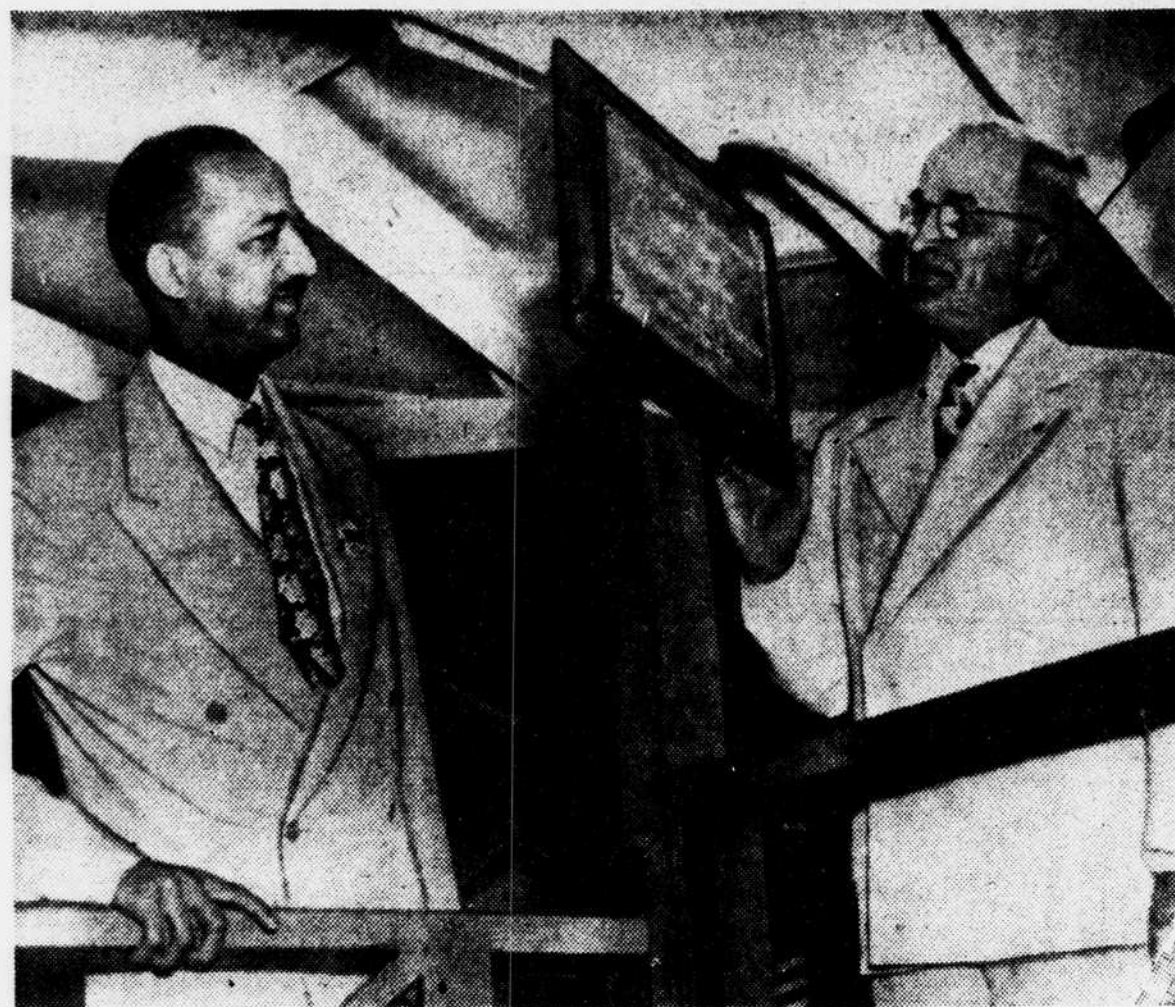
**Police Won't Stop 'System' to Beat Slot Machines**  
By the Associated Press  
CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Police said today that Delbert Shinn's sure-fire method of hitting slot machine jack-pots is all right with them.

Shinn, 36, described his scheme to detectives who took him into custody at his South Side home Saturday. Detective Timothy O'Connell said Shinn told him that by drilling a hole in the side of a slot machine it was easy to trip the jack-pot lever.

But, Shinn contended: "The slot machine is illegal. You can't take money illegally from something that is illegal."

Detective O'Connell said Shinn readily admitted having tripped numerous jack-pots in Ohio. He was taken into custody after Sheriff Dwight Raudenbush of Mercer County, Ohio, requested a character investigation. The sheriff said, however, that Shinn was "not wanted" in Mercer County.

Shinn still was held without charge today but Detective O'Connell said that unless the investigation turns up some evidence of a law violation he will be released.



COMMEMORATION PLAQUE—President Truman, shown with the Governor of the Virgin Islands, William H. Hastie, as they looked at a plaque honoring Mr. Truman and commemorating the 100th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the Virgin Islands. —AP Wirephoto.

### Truman

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Democratic national committeeman from the Virgin Islands, gave the President a mahogany tray as a memento of his visit and wished him on behalf of the islanders "continued success and re-election in November." The islanders have no vote in the electoral college.

The plea for better treatment was made by the Daily News, principal St. Thomas paper which printed a lengthy editorial blasting the way the Interior Department administers island affairs and declaring the people are relegated to a type of second-class citizenship which robs them of the dignity of Americans.

The paper also carried an open letter to the President from Roy P. Gordon, chairman of the Municipal Legislature of St. Thomas and St. John's, asking support for a bill by Representative Crawford, Republican of Michigan, which would give the islands about \$1,000,000 annually collected by an export tax on rum.

The Federal Government gets the tax now. Such a concession has been made to Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, virtually self-supporting, want the money for needed improvements which otherwise would have to be financed by new taxes. They now carry about a \$1,000,000 levy.

**Question of Bases Raised.**  
The President also was due to hear something about the islanders' annoyance over the abandonment of wartime submarine and air bases here which took away about 3,200 armed service personnel, while similar facilities still are being maintained in British and French possessions in the Indies.

The people are hopeful that the President's civil rights message to Congress asking a greater measure of self-government for them will get somewhere and the council adopted a resolution praising this move, and expressing appreciation of the President's interest.

President Truman, who is accompanied by Interior Secretary Krug, landed at French docks across Long Bay from red-roofed Charlotte Amalie at 9:30 yesterday morning, after a rough 75-mile passage from San Juan in the Williamsburg. Welcomed by Gov. William H. Hastie and others, the President was driven to Emancipation Park where he unveiled a plaque commemorating the end of slavery and his own visit. Descendants of the former slaves were in his audience, which cheered when Chairman Gordon read the council resolution and gave Mr. Truman the scroll on which it had been copied.

In a speech of introduction, Gov. Hastie, recalling the days of slavery, pointed out that now "we meet as free men."

In his speech, the President departed from text to declare: "Political freedom . . . is only the beginning. We must have freedom of the spirit—religious freedom, freedom from want, freedom from fear. The United States is supporting the United Nations in the effort to implement these freedoms all the world over. Eventually, the United Nations will succeed. Then and then only, will we have peace on earth, good will to men."

After the welcome, the President was taken for a 12-mile drive over Crown and St. Peter Mountains, part of the chain which towers over Charlotte Amalie. He left his car at an eminence called Drakes Seat, which commands a view of the channel which links the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea and is famed as the passage through which Sir Francis Drake shoved his ships in a surprise—and futile—attack on

### Fires

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San Juan. In the prohibition era, the channel was a favorite route of rum runners.

The President also got to see the abandoned military installations, before going to lunch at Bluebeard's Castle, a resort at the ruins of the pirates old hangout.

In the late afternoon, the President greeted several hundred islanders at a reception tendered by Gov. Hastie at Government House, and last night the President feted island leaders at dinner on the Williamsburg.

Leaving Charlotte Amalie early this morning, the Williamsburg was due off Frederickstad around 6:30 a.m. The President had a speech scheduled at Christiansted, 15 miles away at 11 a.m. in the course of his travels around St. Croix, rum-making center.

### Marshall Will Speak In Richmond Tonight

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 23.—Secretary of State Marshall will speak here tonight at a banquet for members of the General Assembly sponsored by the American Legion and the VMI Club of Richmond.

The former Army chief of staff, a member of the VMI Board of Visitors also will attend a board meeting in the afternoon.

Commander John A. Blakemore of the Virginia Department will preside at the dinner.

### Young Brothers Die in Fire At New York Apartment

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (P).—Two young brothers died and their parents and baby sister were burned seriously early today when fire swept their apartment.

The boys, Harold May, Jr., 6, and Michael, 5, were pronounced dead after a police emergency squad had worked over them with inhalators for more than two hours.

Harold May, 37, his wife, Anna, 29, and Karen May, 14 months, were in serious condition at St. John's Hospital, Long Island City.

The fire, of undetermined origin, was discovered at about 5 a.m. when a dog barking in the apartment below that occupied by the Mays aroused James Damiano. He found the hallway of the four-story brick building filled with smoke and roused the 10 families in the house.

Firemen rescued the three surviving Mays on their first trip into the burning apartment but the smoke and flames forced them to wait a few minutes before going after the two boys.

### Child Suffocated in Closet In Rooming House Blaze

By the Associated Press

CORRY, Pa., Feb. 23 (P).—A 5-year-old girl suffocated in a clothes closet last night as fire swept

through a four-story restaurant and rooming house.

The body of Jacqueline Havarilla, daughter of the co-owner, Mrs. Gertrude Havarilla, was found in the second-floor closet after firemen had brought the blaze under control.

Assistant Fire Chief Carl Peterson said George Clark, 60, one of 24 persons having quarters in the rooming house, was overcome by smoke and was revived at the scene.

It was at first believed that another occupant, George McGraw, was trapped in the building, but he returned from a visit to nearby Erie, Pa., while firemen were battling the flames.

Chief Peterson estimated damage to the building at \$50,000. Cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

### Twins Burned to Death In Pennsylvania Fire

By the Associated Press

OIL CITY, Pa., Feb. 23 (P).—Three-year-old twins burned to death in their home at nearby Rimburg Saturday while members of their family sought to save them.

The victims were Donna and Donald Rankin.

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie

Dale Rankin, and four brothers and sisters were downstairs when flames broke out in the second floor where the twins were playing.

A 17-year-old brother tried to fight his way to the twins but failed. The father also was repulsed by the flames and the family stood outside while firemen fought unsuccessfully to bring the fire under control.

### Four in Mississippi Family Die in Blast and Fire

By the Associated Press

GREENVILLE, Miss., Feb. 23 (P).—Four persons in one family died yesterday when an explosion and fire destroyed their rural house.

The dead were Wiley Carmeans, 46, a farmer; his wife, Mae, 41; their daughter, Imogene, 3, and Nolan, 7 months. Five other children escaped.

Deputy Sheriff Murray Etheridge said Mr. Carmeans attempted to start a fire in a stove with a can of tractor fuel which exploded and set the house afire.

### Family of Four Burned To Death in Their House

By the Associated Press

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 23 (P).—A family of four, recent arrivals from Chicago, died early yesterday

of suffocation and burns after being trapped by flames in their home.

Dr. E. B. Riley, Grays Harbor County coroner, identified the victims as George S. Knight, 27, a veteran; his wife, Mrs. Betty Knight, 26; and her two children by a previous marriage, James B. Manis, 5, and Michael Manis, 3.

The coroner said the family came here from Chicago two months ago. Mr. Knight had been working in a small sawmill near Montesano.

Firemen said the blaze was caused by an overheated wood stove. The couple came north by train.

## Rockefeller and Bride Return to New York

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Winthrop Rockefeller and his bride, the former Barbara Sears, returned to New York yesterday after a brief honeymoon in Florida and went to Mr. Rockefeller's apartment at 770 Park avenue.

Mr. Rockefeller expressed surprise at the amount of interest their wedding in Florida attracted. The couple came north by train.

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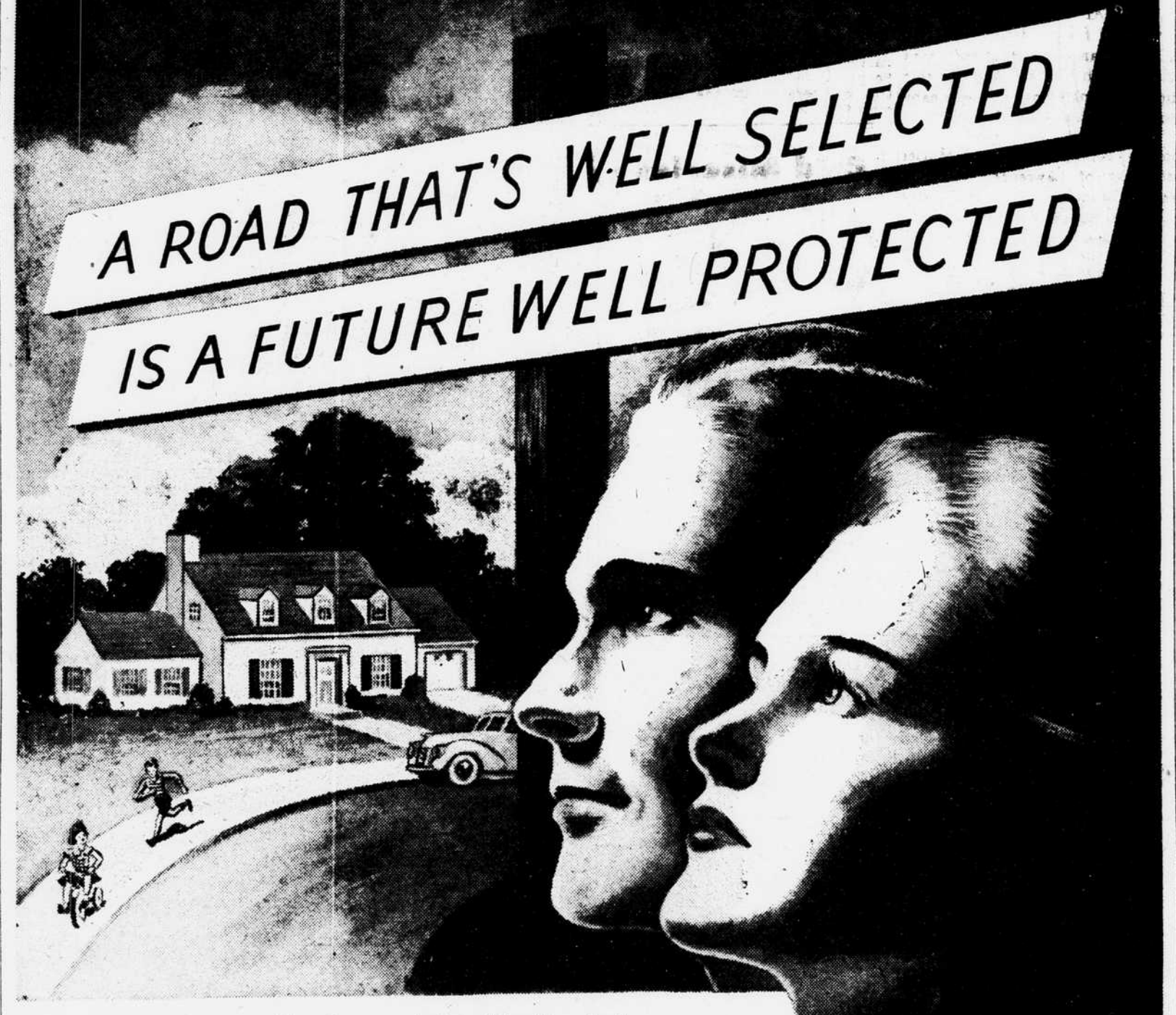
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